



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Beatrice TOUMI, et al. : EXAMINER: YU, GINA C.
SERIAL NO: 09/533,361 :
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FOR: TIGHTENING AGENT COMPRISING
AT LEAST ONE GRAFTED SILICONE POLYMER

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.